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Dean overturns ban on Taylor and Tully

Department was acting beyond its authority

BY DAN ROBINS

Dean of Arts John McCallum has overturned a political science department vote banning professors Charles Taylor and James Tully from supervising incoming graduate students.

The vote, involving all professors in the department and no students, took place in January. Previously, the professors were in the philosophy department but maintained the right to supervise graduate students in political theory.

McCallum overturned the vote after consulting with McGill legal advisor Raynald Mercille. "The motion they passed was contrary to McGill regulations, and therefore had no effect," said McCallum.

A memo from Mercille to McCallum says the vote contradicted the agreement the department made with the professors last year when they moved to philosophy from political science. Mercille added that it went beyond the authority of the department and violated the academic freedom of the profs and their students.

McGill regulations allow Tully and Taylor to go through grievance procedures, but Mercille's memo says the vote was so obviously unjust that to force them to do this would itself be oppressive.

"The University should not contemplate a decision which it knows in advance will lead to a successful grievance," wrote Mercille in the memo.

Resentment over the dean's decision is brewing. While no one was willing to be named, sources who attended a February 17 Certification Committee meeting said several professors attending the meeting were vocally upset at this violation of departmental autonomy.

Richard Schultz, the most vocal proponent for the ban in and out of the meeting, had no comment on the dean's decision.

"I've decided this is a banana republic without bananas, and that's the extent of my comment," he said.

In a letter to all political science professors, Dean McCallum argues that his decision was not dictatorial, because it was merely acknowledging that the department's motion went beyond the authority of all involved.

Mercille's memo says that only Principal David Johnston would have the authority to ban the two profs from supervising graduate students.

"No department has the autonomy to deny other members of the department supervision rights," said Tully.

INSIDE THE POLI SCI MAFIA

It seems Charles Taylor has been published yet again while we languish in a purgatory of stagnant empirical claptrap, gentlemen.

And Jim Tully is receiving more recognition than my 1978 unpublished paper on Chi-square ever did.

We've already driven them from the department with our disdain for free academic debate. What more can we do?

They make us look BAD, my friends... like the bastions of scholarly mediocrity we are. That's bad for business.

Professor... you have served the family well.

I know! We can prevent future careers of students from having Taylor or Tully thesis supervisors. That way, only theory-hating narrow-minded, bureaucratic nobodies like us will hold any sway in the department for years to come.

Thank you, Godfather.

Design from an anonymous poster distributed in the political science department

Legal decision not enough

But Tully and Taylor's status as members of the Political Science department is still not clear.

Department chair Jerome Black said that will have to be discussed at the next meeting of the department's Certification Committee, made up of department faculty with no student representatives.

He said he did not know when such a meeting would take place.

Tully said that regardless of McCallum's decision, it will be hard for him, Tully and their students to work in political science if people in the department are set against it.

"Nobody wants to be a student under these circumstances," said Taylor. "If we can't get agreement on this there is no legal text that will make it a good place to work."

Tully, while saying as far as he was concerned the decision means he and Taylor are once again adjunct profs in political science with the right to supervise grads, agreed that it might be hard for them and their students to work in such a hostile environment.

Since he and Taylor switched from political science to philosophy last spring, three of their graduate students have also made the switch and more are interested, he said.

Tully and Taylor currently supervise about a quarter of all political science grads at McGill.

Echoing McCallum's memo to department profs, Tully said he hoped negotiations within the department would lead to a political, rather than legal, solution.

Perhaps this would involve the founding of a social and political theory program for doctoral students, he said.

This would be a multidisciplinary program in all departments involved in social theory. Part of the reason Taylor and Tully left political science last

year was because they felt this multidisciplinary approach would be more accepted in philosophy.

They were proven right when the January vote among political science faculty banned them from taking on new graduate students.

In February, Schultz told the *Daily* that since they no longer considered themselves "political scientists", they shouldn't be supervising "political science" students.

Taylor said this kind of attitude illustrated the need for a more

multidisciplinary approach to scholarship.

"If we are just dealing with departments, we just have hundreds of square pegs in round holes," he said.

Meanwhile, to everyone not a political science prof the faculty's decision is still mysterious. The thought of kicking out this particular pair of profs doesn't make sense to most people.

"Professors Taylor and Tully have been responsible for attracting probably our best students," said

political science prof Alain Gagnon.

"There's not a political science department in Canada that would consider denying them the right to supervise graduate students," he said.

He said in particular that the department's vote was a blow to Québec studies at McGill.

"Both Taylor and Tully have a major role to play in current-day Québec politics," said Gagnon.

— additional reporting by
Fiona McCaw

Rioters break up city council meeting

Padded ninja-cops terrorize tax protestors

BY KATHY BUNKA

Between 4000 and 5000 people chanting "Fuck Doré!" vented their financial frustrations to Mayor Jean Doré outside — and inside — City Hall on Monday night.

The protest was organized by Peter Sergakis, president of the Association of Commercial Property Owners of Québec to protest a surtax on commercial properties. He claims that business owners are going bankrupt already without an additional tax.

"People are fighting for their lives. When you're gonna go bankrupt, your life is at stake," said Sergakis.

"The City of Montréal has never put any taxpayers in bankruptcy. If someone has a problem with cash flow tell them to call the finance department and we'll arrange something," said Daniel Bussi res, press attach  for the executive committee chairperson.

Kathy Touchet, the president of Action Taxes encouraged her membership to take part in the protest. "This surtax is the straw that breaks the camel's back," she said.

Touchet said that members in Action Taxes despise the fact that the property tax must be paid one year before rents have been collected. She added that the protest got a bit out of hand.

"I think it was a success, but I would've preferred a press conference with a large hall and guest speakers and a good discussion," she said.

"But this manifestation was not useless — it opened a lot of eyes."

The Montr al City Council meeting was canceled for the first time in 18 years on Monday.

Calculating the surtax is causing problems in the city's tax department. No one is quite sure exactly how the tax is going to be applied.

Except Sergakis. "This tax forces property owners to be tax collectors. I don't want to be a collector, I want to be a businessman," he said.

Riot police were called in when the protesters raged into the meeting chanting nasty four-letter words. Some damage was done to property inside the building but the city refused to estimate the amount of damage done. Bussi res said the usual maintenance staff would deal with the mess.

Bussi res was critical of the way the protesters voiced their concerns. "The city council meeting is the chance for taxpayers to talk directly to the mayor," he said. "We were very disappointed that the council could not be held."

Sergakis is determined that future meetings will not be held. "We're going back for the second battle," he said. "I want to know when the next meeting is."

"I'm glad we stopped the meeting," said one anonymous protester. "Fucking Dor  is eating fillet mignon every night. Bastards!"

Tuesday afternoon, Sergakis met with Mayor Dor , MUC executive committee vp John Gardiner and other councillors to try to resolve the impasse. Bussi res said that no progress was made. "There is no change possible in the 1993 budget," he said.

Progressive slate running for Students' Society

BY DAN ROBINS

Students of a progressive bent may have more options than usual in this year's elections for various Students' Society positions.

Equity, a slate of progressives, is fielding candidates for four of the executive positions, two Arts rep slots and, oddly enough, for the management rep to Senate.

And some candidates running in later elections for faculty reps to council have also expressed an interest in joining them, according to Equity vice-president internal candidate Isabelle Fieschi.

It's the first time a slate's been tried in Students' Society since the Alliance campaign in 1985, which ran on a platform of anti-militarism, divestment from South Africa, unionizing McGill employees, getting a sexual harassment policy, and reforming McGill cafeterias.

No Alliances were elected to the executive, but several became reps to council.

Equity folks say a slate is necessary because one person alone cannot change the institutional mindfuck that is Students' Society. They cited Jason Prince's failure this year, to prove that one progressive in a sea of "apoliticals" did not have a chance.

"I was elected on a platform of fundamental change to Students' Society," said Prince. "Over the course of the year I tried to implement some of these ideas.

"It didn't work. It has been very difficult to get even some of the basic ideas we're running on to be even

considered by this year's council and executives."

Equity candidates say that with a majority on the executive committee and others sympathetic counsellors, they could effect real change.

Their platform is to make Students' Society more open and to work with the affirmative action policy students approved by referendum two years ago.

They want to establish a vice-president equity position, paid for out of the salaries of the present executives. This vice-president would take over parts of the present vice-president university affairs portfolio, which Prince said is at present "too big for one human being".

This vice-president would chair a grievance committee dealing with matters such as sexual and racial harassment and acting as an advocate for students.

S/he would also pressure the administration for curriculum changes, such as the addition of Africana Studies and lesbian, gay and bisexual studies, said Prince.

They plan to hold executive meetings in public places, with advertised agendas and want to make general assemblies a regular part of Students' Society decision-making.

They also promise regular informal discussions in rez, classes and elsewhere about issues like racial and sexual harassment.

Equity candidates are Jason Prince for president, Isabelle Fieschi for v.p. internal, Pat Harewood for v.p. finance, Debbie Gomes for v.p. university affairs, Celia Moore and John Saunders for Arts rep to council, and Chris Wrobel for management rep to McGill's Senate.



Equity candidates, left to right: John Saunders, Isabelle Fieschi, Chris Wrobel, Pat Harewood, Jason Prince and Debbie Gomes. Missing: Celia Moore.

Canada Post says no more used envelopes

BY ALISA GORDANEER

VICTORIA (CUP) — Sending letters in reused envelopes may save trees, but your mail won't get through Canada Post's newest sorting system.

Reused envelopes, with any previous address, stamp, or bar codes on them, will soon be returned to their senders, thanks to a new and "improved" computer sorting system.

Old stamps or addresses could confuse the optical-scanning sorting equipment, said Ilona Beiks, communications officer for Canada Post.

According to Betty, a Canada Post customer service representative who declined to give her last name, reused envelopes were never allowed.

"It's always been a policy. Now they're getting really strong about it," she said.

"It's like redirecting something," she said. Canada Post recently announced carriers will stop delivering redirected mail for free.

Dayna Christ, chair of the University of Victoria Students' Society, said the society readdresses as many envelopes as it can, in order to recycle and save money.

Not accepting reused envelopes is "irresponsible of Canada Post", said Christ.

Brett Haneke, a UVic student who tapes together his own envelopes from recycled paper, says he's more

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spit the envelope out. The envelope must then be hand sorted.

Beiks said a reused envelope could probably get to its destination "if there was no sign that it had been through the system. What you'd have to do is turn it inside out," she said.

If there are any florescent bar codes visible, the envelope will be sent back to the original address.

Beiks said that putting labels over old addresses is a bad idea, because labels can come off. Christ disagreed.

"If we're not encouraging people to reuse, the whole concept of reducing and recycling is pointless. Envelopes are a prime example of that," she said.

"If they're so clever about finding new and efficient ways of getting the mail out, why aren't they finding new ways of reusing envelopes?" said John Topham, a UVic student who plans to continue re-using envelopes.

No word is out yet on reusing stamps.

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THE LECTURE IS MADE POSSIBLE BY A GRANT FROM THE BEATTY MEMORIAL LECTURES COMMITTEE

Language bursaries reduced for summer '93

Tories reduce commitment to bilingualism

BY LOUIS HELBIG

The federal government has cut funding for the Second Language Bursary Program, a spring and summer language study session for Canadian students. The program is run by the Department of the Secretary of State.

Reversing a long-standing trend of increased commitment to bilingualism, the feds have sliced all programs dealing with official languages in education in Canada by 11.3 per cent.

In absolute terms, funds in 1993-94 will be \$240.130 million, down from \$270.598 million in 1992-93.

The federal contribution to bilateral, federal and provincial funding of minority language programs, the second language monitor program which employs many students, and the summer bursary program will all be affected by these cuts.

"These cuts definitely represent

a declining commitment to bilingualism across Canada," said Diane Boucher, legislative assistant to official languages critic Jean-Robert Gauthier.

"I don't know exactly how the cutback will be implemented in each of these programs," said Guy Coulombe, Director of the National Programs of Official Languages and Education at the Ministry of Secretary of State.

"There will be no reduction in the bursary amount of \$1700, but the number of bursaries will be reduced," said Coulombe. Asked how many bursaries will be lost he was not sure. "The issue remains in cabinet," he said.

For those lucky enough to receive a bursary the program will no longer be free. Second Language Institutions are being allowed to keep up to \$100 of the deposit students are required to pay upon application.

Jean-Guy Geroux, Director of Summer Schools for French and Eng-

lish at the University of Ottawa said the initiative for the non-refundable deposit came largely from the second language schools' directors.

"The directors of the schools have been pushing for a fee to get more student commitment and raise revenues," said Geroux.

The new secretary of state, Monique Landry, herself a graduate of the second language bursaries program, could not be reached for comment. Isabelle Hudon, Landry's press secretary said that 10 per cent cuts had been applied to language programs funded by the federal government. She didn't know exactly what changes had already taken place and will take place to the program.

Boucher said that official languages in education funding is being burdened with heavier cuts than most other departments.

"The cuts in this area total 11.3 per cent, which is 1.3 per cent higher than cutbacks in other government

departments," she said. "We're not giving our kids tools to grow."

This confusion seems to extend to all levels of the program's administration and implementation. Linda Pelletier, the Provincial Coordinator of the program in Québec, said that only an interim agreement has been signed between the federal government and the provinces to release the application forms and booklets.

"We are still waiting on the official agreement, and don't have exact information on the number of bursaries yet," said Pelletier. Last year the Québec quota of English and French bursaries was 2963, out of a national total of about 7500. "I expect this to be reduced," she said.

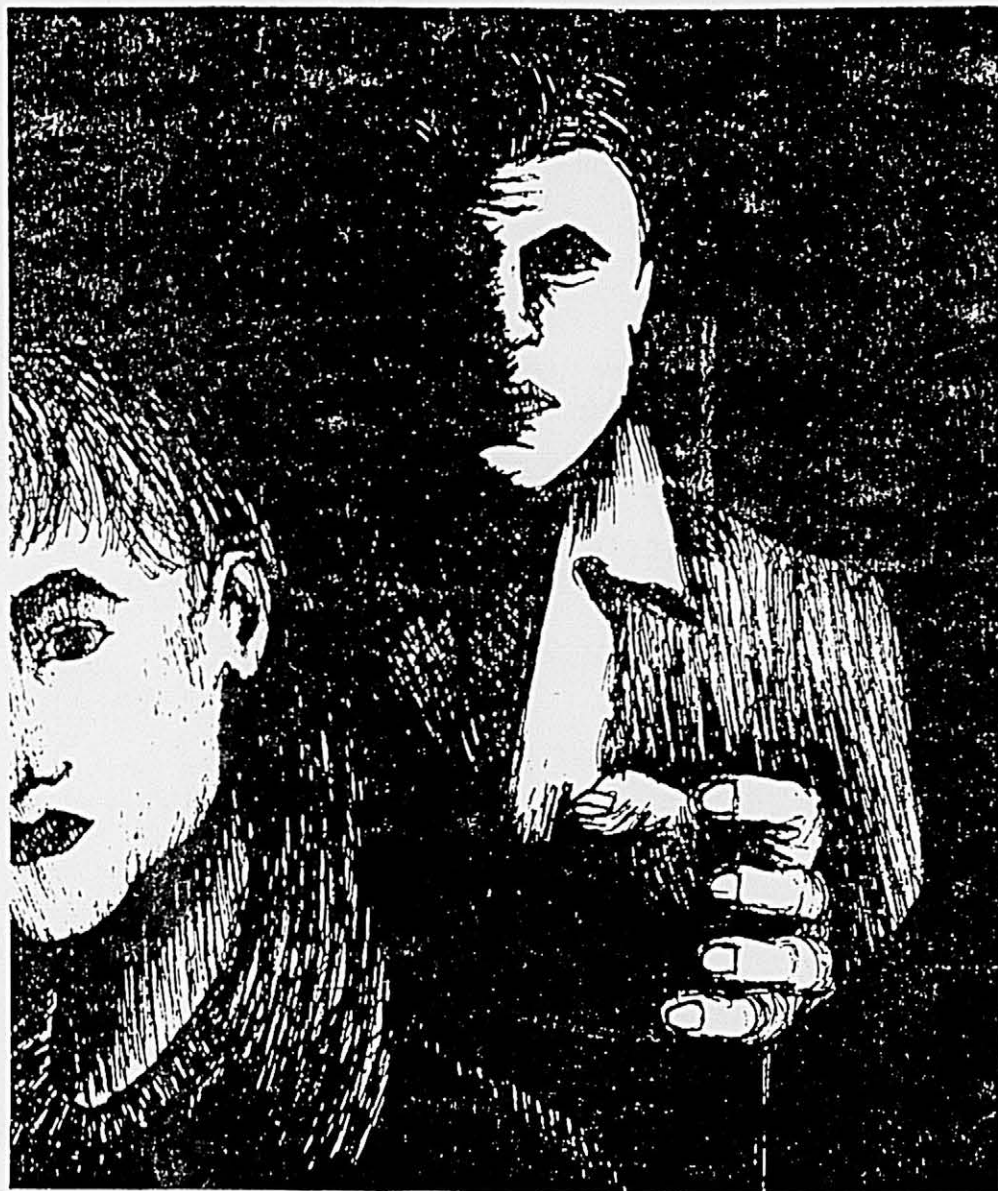
Many of the Second Language Institutions listed in the booklet were unsure of the latest developments. At the Université Laval in Québec City the person who answered the contact number knew nothing of the change in refund policy. "This is the first time I have heard of this," she said.

Western University, which runs an immersion program at Trois Pistoles, is keeping up with policy changes, and will keep \$100 of the \$150 deposit it requires of its students. But they too are unsure of the number of students they will have.

Mr. Daniel Laviolette, an administrator at the École Internationale de Français at the Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières, maintained that there had been no funding reduction.

"Everything is normal," he said. The application booklet for the summer language bursaries was mailed to universities from the department of the Secretary of State two months later than it was last year. It has the wrong application deadline of February 19th in it. The deadline is now March 19th, although the McGill Student Aid office has been told it is March 23rd and has stamped that into these booklets.

Scarborough Walk Safe volunteer charged with sexual assault



BY SIMONA CHIOSE

TORONTO (CUP) — Walksafe coordinators across Ontario are trying to guarantee the safety of their programs after a walksafe volunteer in Scarborough, Ontario reported that she was sexually assaulted by a fellow volunteer.

"If the issues surrounding sexual harassment and sexual assault are impressed forcefully enough on the patrollers, these sorts of incidents shouldn't happen," said Sergeant

Bob Earle, who is one of the coordinators of the four-year-old Foot Patrol at the University of Western Ontario.

The alleged assault occurred February 5 at Centennial College in Scarborough. A male patroller allegedly assaulted the female patroller he had been teamed up with for the evening. Centennial's program was only two weeks old when the incident occurred. The man has been charged with one count of sexual assault by Metro

Toronto police.

College officials said they believe the incident was an isolated one, but are planning to investigate ways of better ensuring patrollers' safety.

"We are considering having a three-person team with two females and one male, rather than one male, one female," said Marilyn Day, communications director for Centennial.

Day said she thinks the program has not been compromised by the alleged incident and continues to

provide an important service to the university.

McGill Walksafe coordinator Fiona Deller said McGill has safeguards in place to make sure an assault doesn't happen here.

"We do very thorough interviews. We have turned a number of people down because we felt unsure about them. We have a signed contract from each person and a photocopy of everyone's student ID," said Deller. Deller emphasized that McGill's Walksafe knows who their volunteers are and where they are at all times.

Deller added that Walksafers at McGill are encouraged to apply as a team with someone they know. "We highly encourage (volunteers) to walk with people they know, like roommates, boyfriends, or girlfriends. A good half of our walkers walk with someone they know."

Deller cautioned that although interviews and training reduce the chance of an assault, no system is foolproof. "You can never be one hundred per cent sure that nothing will happen," said Deller.

Unlike McGill's program and programs at other universities, Centennial's did not include a lengthy application process or training program.

Rambo complexes

Nicholas Yarish, who coordinates the student patrol service and is manager of plant operations and security at Centennial, said apart from changing the make-up of the foot patrols, the college is looking at requiring applicants to submit a written explanation of their reasons for wanting to be a foot patroller, and providing a more intensive training program for employees.

"Right now the hiring decision is based on an interview, and if they are hired they are given a quick

orientation of their duties," said Yarish.

Deller said that she is looking at ways to make Walksafe even safer.

She said Walksafe programs at Carleton and Ottawa publish the names of their volunteers in the student newspaper. If anyone has a problem with a volunteer, they can report it to Walksafe. Deller also said that at Western, Walksafe checks the police records of potential volunteers.

U of T's application includes a written statement asking applicants to explain their reasons for wanting to work with the program. "Sometimes we have guys writing down that it's because 'I want to meet females', which tells us a lot."

First of all, they are making an assumption that most of the patrons are female. It's also clearly inappropriate to be looking for a relationship when you are providing a public service," said Kathleen Mason, personal safety education officer at U of T's Scarborough campus.

However, unlike Western's hiring process, which includes psychological screening, U of T attempts only to eliminate those candidates whose attitudes could be an indicator of future problems.

"We try to screen out those applicants who display what I call a 'Rambo complex'. They tend to want to exercise an excessive amount of authority. We also look for an awareness of issues of sexual assault and date rape. If a staff member has even a gut feeling about someone they interviewed, we don't hire them," said Western's Sergeant Earle.

Once hired, the patrollers are given technical training by the police department.

— Additional reporting by Michael Rottmayer

STUDENTS' SOCIETY REPORT CARD

BY JONATHAN DESBARATS
AND MICHAEL ROTTMAYER

LAST SPRING, students elected about 30 ambitious CV-padders to represent us at the \$2 million Students' Society of McGill University. There have been 15 council meetings since then, and the *Daily* thought you might like to know what your 'leaders' have been up to, or whether they've even shown up (hello, Dentistry, are you there?).

We've tried to be fair in our assessments, even though this is largely an opinion piece.

We really hope we don't get any letters saying this "isn't objective," because we'll respond, "Ed. note: no shit." This is the view of the two editors who've covered Students' Society this year. Michael covered the Society's meetings from October 1991 until Christmas, and Jonathan has covered them since Christmas break.

A few notes: The attendance is out of a total of 11 meetings, from September 10 through February 4. The quotes are taken from Students' Society's minutes, so they may not be exactly word-for-word. We hope no one is terribly offended (although it wouldn't be the first time).

FIRST, THE EXECs:

Jason Prince, prez:

Perfect attendance. Best quote: "The advertisement order form for the General Assembly will have to come out of the operating budget. If not, I'll have to have a bake sale."

SPEAKING: Talks a lot, occasionally says something relevant. Doesn't always think everything through before speaking, but that's normal in council. Spends a lot of time fending off mutinous attacks (e.g. impeachment) from the rest of council.

POLITICS: Pretty leftie. Wants the Society to boycott California grapes for nasty labour practices. Very vocal in opposing tuition hikes in the Board of Governors meeting (a real brave thing to do). Generally good in Senate. Fought hard against fee increases for student services, but suggested a fee increase for the libraries (later he pleaded "temporary insanity").

REPRESENTATION: Good. Has generally followed the platform he was elected on.

GRADE: B



Susan Nickerson, vp finance:

Perfect attendance. Best quote: "The martlet is a mythical bird that does not have feet and symbolizes constant flight."

SPEAKING: Tends to pacify council by saying, "I'll get that for you by the next meeting." Speaks a lot, always with something important to say. Answers tons of questions.

POLITICS: Liberal, but acts like a vp finance. With all the accounts and paperwork, Susan doesn't do a lot of political stuff.

REPRESENTATION: Susan was acclaimed, so she never really had to give a platform. Represents students well, but engaged in questionable fiscal practices, such as paying off McGill with the Society scholarship fund and then asking McGill to borrow money to put back in the scholarship fund. Also messed up the food service contract over the summer.

GRADE: D



Jeff Percival, vp external:

Perfect attendance. Best quote: "If quorum is not reached a second time, SSMU will look really bad!"

SPEAKING: Talks a fair amount, usually with something to say, but could be more concise.

POLITICS: We're not really sure, but seems middle-of-the-road. Had an idea about lower transit fees for university students, but didn't get anywhere. Having a hard time with McGill and the student movement since McGill voted to leave FEUQ last year and sovereigntist (and dissolving) ANEEQ is always out of the question at stuffy old McGill.

REPRESENTATION: Got off to a slow start this year figuring out what to do, and tended to respond to things rather than set an agenda at the beginning. Won last year by a very small margin over pro-FEUQ candidate Helène Mathieu.

GRADE: C

Monique Shebbeare, vp university affairs:

Missed one meeting. Best quote: "Robert's Rules of Order are too hard to follow for the General Assembly workshops." (Students' Society uses Robert's Rules at its meetings.)

SPEAKING: When Monique speaks, she has something to say.

POLITICS: Keeps to the left, but keeps a level head. Doesn't come up with crazy, unrealistic or irrelevant causes and positions. Assertive in Senate, and knows what she's talking about on the issues. In short, totally amazing.

REPRESENTATION: Represented students well and worked with grad students in the Senate representation fight. Showed initiative in asking Senate to consider pass/fail grading. Also very effective in getting the university to review the sexual harassment procedure and to take some responsibility for Walk Safe.

GRADE: A (the only one we'll give)

Julie Dzerowicz, vp internal:

Missed one meeting. Best quote: "They have reviewed their constitution, and the James Bay Coalition is no longer deemed political."

SPEAKING: Answers questions well, but is kind of giggly when she gets up to speak. Has something to say.

POLITICS: Was pretty liberal as clubs rep last year, now it's hard to tell. As vp internal, she worries about apolitical (but money-losing) things like programming and four floors parties.

REPRESENTATION: Has done as good a job as anyone representing her constituents, but the vp internal has always been a silly position. Also, lost the picture of William Shatner which she was supposed to hang on the Kiosk.

GRADE: C—

OVERALL EXECUTIVE GPA: 2.34

NEXT, THE COUNCILLORS:

André Bruehlmann, residence:

Perfect attendance. Best quote: "Is membership to the Women's Caucus restricted by gender?" (Actually, it isn't.) Second best quote: "I believe that the exercise of democracy for democracy's sake is pretty, but it's pretty ineffective."

SPEAKING: Never has anything to say, but speaks occasionally anyhow.

POLITICS: Seems kind of right-wing, but is more obsessed with his own power than anything else.

REPRESENTATION: Doesn't ever mention concerns of people in residence, so pretty bad.

GRADE: F

C. Parrish, medicine:

Missed five meetings.

We really have no clue who this person is.

GRADE: J

Emmanuel Chomski, sen/board rep and science senator:

Missed three meetings. Best quote: "Why is the Kim Mitchell concert limited to McGill students only?"

SPEAKING: Said a lot of nonsense at the beginning of the year, but tends to keep his mouth shut now.

POLITICS: Self-declared conservative. Used to write a lot of argumentative letters to the *Daily*.

REPRESENTATION: Okay. Talks about senate occasionally, but usually (and wisely) lets Shebbeare talk about the Senate. Haven't seen him at Senate much lately... spoke up on student representation (but then who didn't — a lot of CVs on the line there).

GRADE: C—

Leslie Parchomchuk, Senate/Board rep and engineering senator:

Missed four meetings. Best quote: "How much revenue will the can crusher bring in?"

SPEAKING: Speaks a bit and airs her views reasonably concisely.

POLITICS: Not sure. Seems to act on personal beliefs about things, like athletics funding (she was opposed to cuts) than any concrete ideological philosophy. That's good, though.

REPRESENTATION: Represents engineers at council instead of the Senate/Board caucus. That was actually part of her election platform last year. Attendance at Senate okay. Speaks up only on narrowly defined "student issues".

GRADE: B—



Robert Valdmanis, Senate/Board rep and law senator:

Missed three meetings. Best quote: "The SSMU is more accessible if it is not a moving target."

SPEAKING: Talks without uttering relevant thoughts. Goes off on long tangents in quasi-legalese (just to let people know he's in law and they're not). Has been told to shut up by the speaker for yelling at prez Prince.

POLITICS: Conservative. Opposes democratization of Students' Society (he was acclaimed) or anything else new, and only

wants to talk about narrowly-defined "student issues."

REPRESENTATION: Doesn't bring up Senate issues in council very often. Good attendance at Senate. Speaks up only on issues narrowly applying to students.

GRADE: F

Irene Makris, Engineering:

Missed six meetings (third place). Engineering sent a proxy instead of Makris to several meetings.

Only seen her a couple times at council, so it's hard to judge.

GRADE: J

Jonathan Ablett, Arts, running for Board of Governors rep:

Perfect attendance. Best quote: "I really like this. 'The students should be studying and we should be leading.' That doesn't sound like democracy."

SPEAKING: Speaks eloquently and only when he has to.

POLITICS: Liberal. Supports progressive ideas coming from execs, and worked hard on the failed General Assembly.

REPRESENTATION: Doesn't talk about Arts issues much, but then Students' Society is Arts anyway, so he doesn't have to.

GRADE: A —

Sohee Ahn, Arts:

Missed four meetings.

SPEAKING: Used to speak a lot, doesn't speak anymore.

POLITICS: Not sure on the left/right scale, but thinks frats and sororities should be recognized by the Students' Society.

REPRESENTATION: Never speaks. See also Ablett and Luz.

GRADE: D

Mark Luz, Arts prez and rep to council, running for Students' Society president:

Missed one meeting. Best quote: "A lot of beer was sold [at the Blue Rodeo concert]."

SPEAKING: Pretty polished. Doesn't have anything to say, but keeps his mouth shut most of the time.

POLITICS: Hard to say. Obsessed with administrative experience in his campaign, though.

REPRESENTATION: Like we said, Students' Society is the Arts faculty, so it's not too bad.

GRADE: C +

M. Levitt, Arts:

Missed his/her first five meetings and then resigned. Never saw this person.

GRADE: W

Olga Patrizzi, Clubs rep:

Missed two meetings. Most repeated quote: "Madam/Mister Speaker, can we call the question?"

SPEAKING: Doesn't say too much, but when she does talk she doesn't make sense.

POLITICS: Not sure. SSMU-club-o-centric.

REPRESENTATION: Good. Raises club concerns often, although usually because she doesn't understand what is going on.

GRADE: D

Patrick Perreault, Clubs rep:

Missed one meeting. Best quote: "The signs at the Students' Society counter will be cut back a bit because of costs."

SPEAKING: Doesn't talk much.

POLITICS: Not sure.

REPRESENTATION: Brings up club issues often.

GRADE: C +

Edward Saad, Clubs rep:

Perfect attendance. Best quote: "What will happen to clubs that do not have a steady bar staff?"

SPEAKING: Speaks regularly, says very little.

POLITICS: It's always hard to say with clubs reps, but we'd say a wee bit conservative.

REPRESENTATION: Good. Talks about club issues often.

GRADE: C

Greg Shron, Architecture:

Perfect attendance. Best quote: "Why, in the past week, have there been a number of leaflets stuck under the glass of the SSMU bulletin board [near the front doors], blocking the names of councillors?" (He was seriously upset about this.)

SPEAKING: Speaks all the time, never has anything important to say.

POLITICS: To the right. Did oppose condo conversions on the argument that condo sales have been slow lately.

REPRESENTATION: Talks about his architecture constituents a lot. Has delusions of actually having real power.

GRADE: D



Christoph Sicking, Law:

Missed two meetings. Best quote: "The Students' Society should become a shareholder in [Seaboard Life]." Said in response to Seaboard making large profits as the insurer for the student Drug Plan.

SPEAKING: Can summarize something very simple into eight or nine points. Should

be briefer.

POLITICS: Solidly liberal, kinda leftie. Draws links between the smallest Students' Society decision and large societal issues like accessibility of education. Looks like he reads the *Daily*.

REPRESENTATION: Fair. Talks about law students and their government sometimes.

GRADE: B —

H. Haerian, Dentistry:

Never showed up for a meeting (first place), so it's hard to comment.

GRADE: J



James Stewart, Athletics:

Missed one meeting. Best quote: "When it comes to sports, *The McGill Daily* is in a league of its own." (Stewart asked to be *Daily* sports editor last year.)

SPEAKING: Talks on every issue but rarely says anything substantial.

POLITICS: Conservative. Favours continued student funding of the new athletics complex, but he should be more critical of the university for screwing around on it.

REPRESENTATION: James's athletics constituents are very lucky to have him. He fights hard when athletics are involved. Spoke up loudly when Prince suggested cutting athletics to avoid student services fee increase.

GRADE: B (reluctantly)

J. Zwicker, Physical and Occupational Therapy:

Missed three meetings. Best quote: "What does the word 'urges' mean?"

SPEAKING: Not much.

POLITICS: Who knows?

REPRESENTATION: Hasn't said much, but not much has come up.

GRADE: K

A. Davey, Science:

Only officially a council member since January 21, and s/he (we don't know) missed that meeting. Attended the next two meetings.

GRADE: K

Aubrey Kassirer, Science:

Missed two meetings. Best quote (about the budget): "Why does it look as if there is no cost for the pinball machines?"

SPEAKING: Used to speak a lot, speaks occasionally now. Usually speaks on things he believes in, but occasionally just rambles (who doesn't?).

POLITICS: Small-"L" liberal. Was active in continuing Access McGill fee levy last year (helps make McGill more accessible for people with disabilities). Narrowly defines "student issues".

REPRESENTATION: Talks about science issues sometimes. Tends to speak more about issues he believes in than about science stuff (That's probably good, though.)

GRADE: B —



Lisa Pigat, Education:

Missed four meetings.

SPEAKING: Doesn't talk much.

POLITICS: Not sure.

REPRESENTATION: We don't think she's ever mentioned education. But maybe she didn't have to.

GRADE: K

M. Van Galen, Music:

Missed five meetings.

Don't know who this person is either.

GRADE: J

Neil Weber, Management:

Missed three meetings. Best quote: "How did PolyCuisine arrive at \$2.7 million compensation [in their lawsuit against Students' Society]?"

SPEAKING: Speaks only when he has to, thank god.

POLITICS: He's in management. Take a guess.

REPRESENTATION: We haven't heard him mention management concerns much, but management students don't care about Students' Society anyhow.

GRADE: C —

J. Staton, social work:

Missed a whoppin' eight meetings (second place).

SPEAKING: Has been on council a couple of years and hasn't said anything. Talks to other councillors a lot, though.

POLITICS: ???

REPRESENTATION: Hasn't spoken really.

GRADE: F

THE MCGILL DAILY

comment

The Danes have it

When it comes to education, you have to wonder about the provincial government's priorities.

Canada, and especially Québec, suffers from one of the highest drop-out rates in the western world. More than 40 per cent of the one million students in Québec will leave school before getting a high school diploma. And the extensive educational bureaucracy of more than 5000 paper-shufflers overseeing 90 000 teachers doesn't seem to make a difference.

Québec minister of higher education Lucienne Robillard has thrown around the word 'change' a great deal, but the much talked-about reforms will probably only hurt students, through tuition increases at the Cégep and university level and the removal of many courses in the liberal arts. And the current talk about cutting back funding doesn't make the situation look any better.

Lise Payette, PQ education minister back in the Lévesque days, is talking about pitching the current system into the garbage, and replacing it with one like that in Denmark.

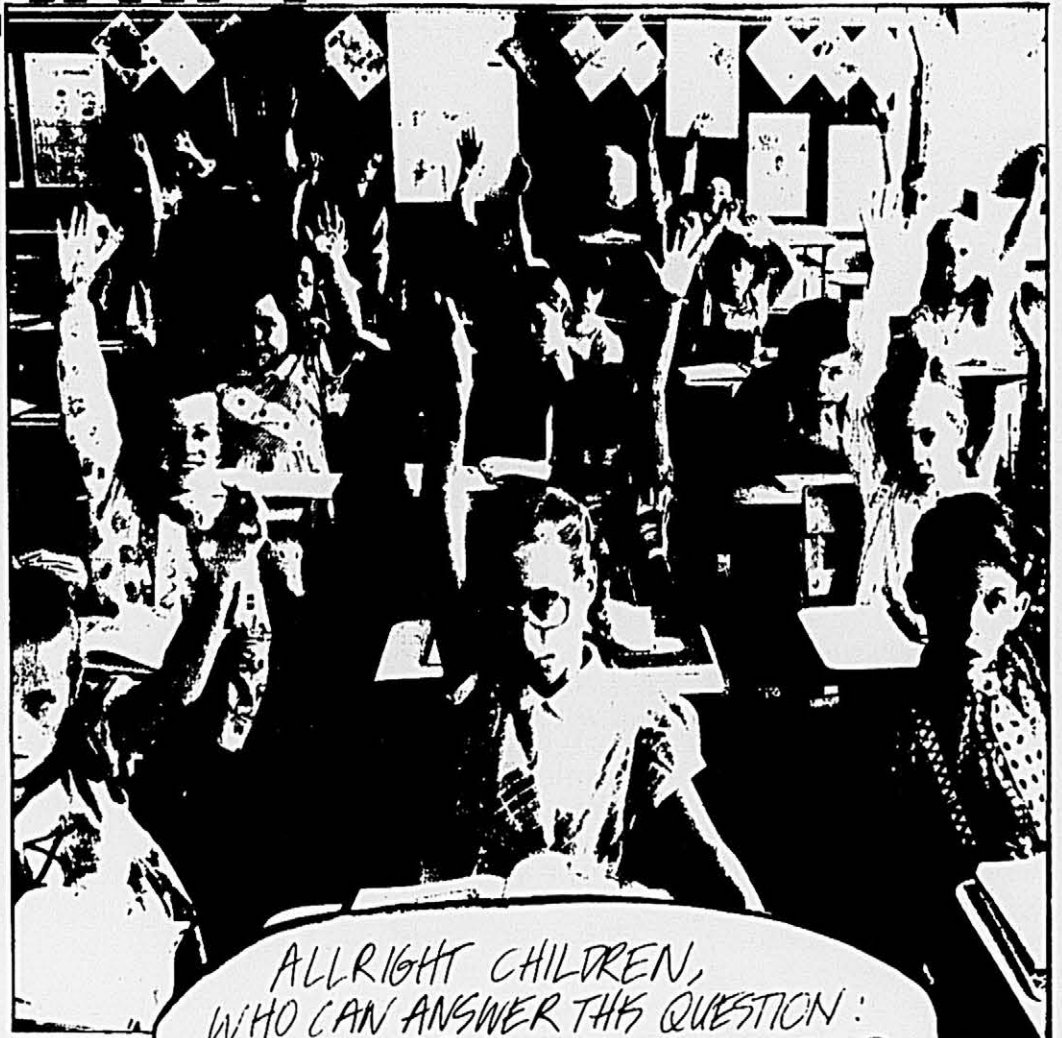
The Danes also have a million students, but they have 180 000 teachers, and a surprisingly low 50 bureaucrats running the show. The true proof of the system's success, though, is an astonishing two per cent drop-out rate.

While the ministry in Québec dictates to the word what educators are supposed to teach, the Danish system is based around a flexible system of weekly parent-teacher meetings with only very broad guidelines handed down from above.

This is a telling comparison. How competitive can Québec remain with a top-heavy and expensive education system? A system that evidently does not produce students with practical skills?

I don't need the ministry of education to tell me what the answer is to this question.

Zack Taylor



GRAPHIC FROM CUP FILES

hyde park

Responding to the myth of no females

Opinion by S. Lipp, Emeritus Professor

I should like to reply to the complaints contained in the article "The Myth of No Females" (Hyde Park, Feb. 6), concerning the course I teach in the Dept. of Hispanic Studies (*Literature of Ideas: Spanish America*).

The following facts are pertinent: At the very outset of the term all students are made aware of the parameters of the course: the contributions of Spanish American authors in the fields of political, philosophical and sociological thought of the past 200 years. The literary genre which best lends itself to the presentation of this material is the essay, not the novel, poetry or drama. (This is not to imply that there aren't any ideas in the latter genres.)

The main problem in the course is one of selectivity. There are many more thinkers than can be handled within the framework of one semester. Students are therefore free to submit papers dealing with Spanish American thinkers whether or not they are listed in the course outline.

As to the absence of women writers and the three authors mentioned specifically in the Hyde Park memo, it is a fact that in the past two centuries women, generally, have not cultivated the essay as a form of literary creativity. They have tended to excel in narrative writing, poetry and, to a lesser extent, theatre. Nevertheless, when Ms. Berinstein suggested Victoria Ocampo as a subject for one of her papers, I was happy to encourage her. Ocampo is better known as the editor and publisher of the distinguished journal *Sur*. She has written articles dealing with literary criticism which fall outside the parameters of the course. Gabriela Mistral, the second woman mentioned, is known primarily for her poetry, and her work is discussed in other courses offered by the Dept. The third author, Maria de Zayas, wrote *novellas* in 17th century Spain and can hardly be included in a course which deals with 19th and 20th century Spanish American thought. (so much for competent research!)

Since I seem to have been accused of anti-feminist bias, may I point out that two years ago I introduced a course in the Dept., entitled: *Women Authors in Spanish American Fiction*.

Another false impression must be corrected. This Dept. has always treated literary figures with the critical esteem they deserve, regardless of their racial origin. In our courses we study the works of Black Spanish Americans. How could it be otherwise, e.g., in the case of Cuba and Puerto Rico?

One final item is puzzling, namely the complaint regarding gender exclusive language. Since I lecture in Spanish and the thinkers discussed are all male, am I expected to introduce feminine pronouns for the purpose of effecting a more acceptable balance between the sexes? Professional competence should never be sacrificed in the name of a "politically correct party line."

Misses Berinstein and Trujillo are to be commended for their zeal and enthusiasm. Their cause is a worthy one. However, they should familiarize themselves with all relevant facts before rushing headlong into print.

All readers are welcome to submit letters under 300 words. Add your name, program, year and telephone number. Anonymity can be provided; talk to an editor beforehand. Opinions can be expressed in the form of a Hyde Park, no more than 500 words.

Letters

One Way to Look At LGB...

To the Daily:

As usual, the Daily L.G.B. issue (Feb. 11) was full of enlightening and revelatory articles, not the least of which were two wherein Daily writers outed Richard Gere. This piece of news was genuinely new to me but obviously it was not to Stephen Watt who wrote of Gere's queerness, "This is not new news; it's one of those grave secrets that everybody knows." Everybody, Steve? I watch a lot of Entertainment Tonight and I had never heard of this one before.

Not that I find it disturbing or anything. No Kristen Hutchison and James Forbes, not every straight who is skeptical of this sort of unsubstantiated rumour is reacting homophobically. Au contraire, I really hope you're right. I hope that Richard gets de-clawed hamsters funnelled up his bum by Cindy Crawford and Ernest Borgnine (or didn't you hear about him?). Unfortunately — and this is probably some bad habit I picked up at school — I expect to see some sort of citation of a source when a factoid that is not common knowledge appears in print.

I too want to be able to shock my friends by confidently asserting that Richard Gere (or Shelley Winters or Charlton Heston) is a queer under deep

cover. So please, reporters, "find the appropriate source, or refer (me) to certain interesting circumstances," that will persuade me that Rich is gay. As a harmless side-effect it will aid your credibility as journalists in general (which, in turn, will probably lose you your jobs at the Daily).

By the way, who does your research, the McGill Outing Club?

M. Doerksen
Visiting Student, Histor

Manufacturing Controversy

To the Daily:

Look Mom, I can write for The Daily! This is in response to Glen Harris' article, "McGill Drama Festival is back, Clinton reserves tickets" (Feb. 18). In it, Harris notes a change from last year, that being the inclusion of more women in the festival, specifically two directors and one playwright. Instead of choosing to celebrate this, or even mention these women's names, Harris immediately manufactures a controversy; certainly the standards were lowered in order to accept a woman's play into the festival. He reduces these women to a fishy phenomenon in need of investigation. Instead of asking these women about their work he preferred questioning Clea

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Students need \$14 000 US in aid: study

BY JEFF GOLDFARB

WASHINGTON (CPS)—All full-time undergraduate college students should be eligible to receive \$14 000 in federal aid through a combination of grants and loans, according to a U.S. congressional study.

The study, entitled "Making College Affordable Again" suggests the amount of funds available to all should be equal, but the type of aid should vary according to students' financial need and tuition costs. The poorest students would receive

more grants, while students from richer families would be eligible for unsubsidized loans, with interest even when students are in school.

The report suggests a number of ways to streamline the current federal financial aid system.

Under the report's recommendation, each student would be eligible for about \$14 000. The program assumes a maximum federal grant of \$4000 and a combined maximum work-study and federally subsidized loan award of \$10 000.

The federal loan system should

cut its bureaucracy and provide "user friendly" repayment options for students, the report recommends. It also supports President Clinton's community service option by suggesting that 20 per cent of loan principal be forgiven for every year of service, with a maximum of three years of service available.

"Many college students today graduate with debts that exceed their family's home mortgage payments," said Daniel Cheever Jr., president of the American Student Assistance, one of the country's biggest federal student guaranty agencies.

Cheever praised the study, saying, "The commission's report forcefully and creatively tackles one of the major threats to the stability

of our nation's higher education system, the affordability crisis." The report points out that in the 1980s, the cost of attending college skyrocketed 126 per cent, twice the rate of inflation for the decade. In fact, the cost of going to college increased even more than the cost of health care during the decade, the report said.

"The most productive step the federal government can take in strengthening the post-secondary education financing partnership is to lead by example," the report's authors wrote.

The Education Finance Council, a non-profit member association of state student loan secondary market organizations, applauded the commission's efforts, but of-

fered a few criticisms, as well.

"The report fails to emphasize the dramatic improvements delivered to students in last year's reauthorization of the Higher Education Act," the council said.

The council also chided the report's direct lending concept because the administrative costs of such a project "will be transferred to colleges and universities and create upward pressure on tuition while reducing a student's financial options at the same time."

The report estimates its proposals would cost approximately \$7 billion in the first year of implementation. The Education Finance Council suggested it was "unrealistic" to expect the government to put up such funding.

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Kahn, president of Player's Theatre, who had to "insist" that the adjudicating process was done anonymously.

Yo Glen! We have names. The two women directors are Jessalyn Gilsig, director of *Ask Not* by Jonathan Bernstein, and Hagar Scher, director of *The Annihilation Skit* by Madelyn Kent. Yeah, that woman playwright is me.

You spend most of the article exploring the ideas of three playwrights who are "emerging as McGill personalities." Lucky stiffs! They're actually bonafide personalities with wills and self-indulgent schticks and pseudonyms, while we don't even get named as perwsons. It is really no surprise that I am the only woman in the past two years who has submitted a script for the festival considering the theatre fraternity that exists at McGill.

You may have thought you were being sensitive to the gloomy fact that there are so few women in the active roles of directors and writers, but with your easy, mix and lip-serve politics, you only perpetuate a pathetic situation. (Look mom—no brain!) You are THE VOICE OF THE OPPRESSOR," you silly, willy.

Weeeee—that was fun! Dangerously careless, but fun. Now I know why you guys do it all the time.

Madelyn Kent
Anthropology, U3
The History the Philosophy of Science

P.S. No ethnic minorities were involved in the writing of this letter, although I did have a conversation with my Brother the other week, which coincided with 15th anniversary of his bar-mitzvah. (Does that count?)

And Glen, I don't hate you.

American Influence

To the Daily:

How much is Entertainment Media Services paying you to advertise their American wares in *McGill Daily Culture*? Where do you get off rebelliously claiming that *Culture* is "fighting off the reality asylum," while at the same time selling your audience out to big business advertising?

Culture's identity as a review of the on-campus and local art scene is seriously undermined by supporting this "magazine" which is nothing more than six pages of ads (the "reviews" contain not one critical word).

It is downright insulting that EMS actually expects students to believe that *Campus Reel* has anything to do with the 'campus', or that the rambling, star-struck plot reviews pass as journalism. Oh, and don't forget that today's youth is into that environment thing, so let's stick a little earth logo on the cover and tell them to "reduce reuse and recycle!" Glossy paper isn't even recyclable in Montreal!!! (at least, not in my neighborhood).

Nicole Stoffman

Black History Thank You

To the Daily:

Thank You for your enlightening article on the history of Somali Colonial Resistance (The Mad Mullah of Somaliland, Feb. 8). I had just enough time to read it between cleaning my gun and planning my next terrorist attack. If the aim of Black History Month is to shed light on the history of Blacks and their rich and proud heritage, I fail to see how a lesson in colonial/imperialist propaganda serves your purpose. Your article seems to demonstrate that even the ranks of the politically correct gathered under the banner of *The Daily* can fall prey to history written to serve the purposes of a Eurocentric frame of reference.

The language of the article reflected the prevailing stereotype of the synonymy of devout Muslim and crazed fundamentalist fanatic. It hardly seemed necessary to refer to Mohammed ben Abdullah Hassan as "The Mad Mullah." The one paragraph where he was referred to by his proper name was no less comprehensible than the rest of the article. Rather it seems that the nickname was used in order to catch the reader's attention; "Oh, look, it's another story about some mad fundamentalist Muslim massacring the poor 'struggling' and 'exhausted' imperialist British soldiers." Who are you trying to fool?

While your attempt to educate the public on African and Islamic history is admirable, no purpose is served if due care is not taken in examining the frame of reference from which your information is drawn. Perpetuating stereotypes about Islam and Muslims will only complicate the need for understanding which exists between the West and the emerging Muslim world.

Shariq Lodhi
Frosh Science

Moscow Parallel

To the Daily:

A group of us were talking. We began to worry that the events that occurred in Moscow during August of 1991 will be repeated shortly but this time in Washington D.C. No, Really. We came to the conclusion that those men in the U.S.A., who've had their way for so long now, may not tolerate what Bill Clinton has been trying to do since his inauguration — i.e. removing the ban on homosexuals into the military. What if those guys don't like it? What happened when that other Democrat started challenging the power of the "military-industrial complex" in the early 60s? BANG-BANG-BANG-YES?

So why the parallel with Moscow 1991? Well we think that the American Public is more educated, more skeptical than it was in previous decades. Like those Moscovites in 1991 we don't think the Americans would tolerate another coup d'état.

Edward Yersh, Arts U3

hyde park

An open letter to all TA's, Demonstrators, Reader/Markers & interested graduate students

Opinion by Concerned Graduate Students

On February 17, 1993, at a General Meeting, the Association of Graduate Students Employed at McGill (AGSEM) came into being in an atmosphere of confusion and doubtful procedure. First of all, there was insufficient notification of this important meeting. As a result, only about 45 out of a total of around 900 graduate students employed by McGill attended this meeting.

Secondly, the AGSEM Draft Constitution was presented for ratification to those graduate students present almost as a fait accompli. As a result, there was no time for those present to adequately study the document, and have a fuller understanding of what they were agreeing to.

Thirdly, discussion was artificially constrained, thereby

impeding the free-flow of debate.

Fourthly, elections to the various AGSEM committees were held immediately after the ratification of the AGSEM Constitution, again circumventing proper procedure. Consequently, because of the low turnout, most of the positions were acclaimed. Where elections did occur, no time was given for proper contestation procedures to take place, so that the qualifications and platforms of the various candidates could be adequately publicized and assessed by ALL graduate students employed at McGill.

We, CONCERNED GRADUATE STUDENTS, believe in AGSEM. We believe that AGSEM is a vital organization every Graduate Student employed at McGill, and that, as a body, we should be empowered in its discussions. These discussions should

proceed in a COLLEGIAL, CO-OPERATIVE, and OPEN MANNER. This applies especially to AGSEM's constitution. Because of the transient nature of Graduate Student employment at McGill, the AGSEM constitution is the only thing that confers stability to our position.

Let all Graduate Students employed at McGill make sure that it adequately reflects their concerns. To foster this, we, the Concerned Graduate Students, are calling a MEETING to be held at the THOMSON HOUSE BALLROOM on MONDAY, 8th MARCH, 1993, at 4p.m. WE URGE ALL GRADUATE STUDENTS TO ATTEND THIS FORUM FOR THE DISCUSSION OF THE AGSEM CONSTITUTION IN A FAIR AND DEMOCRATIC SPIRIT. WE APPRECIATE THE NEED FOR AN ORGANIZATION SUCH AS AGSEM, and we want to ensure that it is begun in a democratic fashion.

McGilligan's Island

A few remarks concerning the "new" PGSS newsletter "forum," by Jean Pierre Bourdeau, PhD Sociology

The "PC" (Publications Coordinator) has attempted to stage discussion by employing a "selection" of quotes as a "PR" (politically "right") slight of hand. It is hoped that the PC's graduate work is not as partial.

Prior to this, none of the six skeptics involved, including the PC, had shown interest or awareness during the previous two years of debate on the subject. Several studies and surveys, "countless" department and AGSEM meetings, ongoing campus media coverage, information mail-outs, and word of mouth constituted large windows of opportunity for them to participate. The referendum turn-out is clear evidence of this openness—73 % of TAs and Dems voted roughly 220 (73%) Arts, 180 (75%) Engineering, 225

(65%) Sciences, 73% of which voted in favour.

In light of this, it seems that the forum of seven has been stranded on McGilligan's Island, a parallel universe, by the unnatural forces of Marshall's Law, missing every chance to reach the mainland despite having all the necessary resources around it. But then again, it is conceivable that over 13,000 unionized TAs and Dems in over a dozen Canadian universities are... wrong, just kidding.

Most of us have matured beyond fundamental fears, uninformed claimsmaking, and grand scenarios of collusion. However, to answer those of the forum: no, GAs and RAs do not "pay into it," music grads do not have a "greater capacity" to earn income outside the university therefore do

depend on assistantships, pseudoscholarship does not have the "capacity to teach," affiliation questions have thoroughly been debated, minimum funding is more a function of faculty grants having relatively little to do with operating (support staff) expenditures, and yes, higher salaries = fewer TAs is to say the least "simple algebra." Do not despair, oddly enough there are numerous islands of information outside the confines of libraries and departmentalized schools of thought. Dare if you will.

Finally, the association the PC "represents" has publicly supported AGSEM. Perhaps the PC should resolve this conflict of interest by either refining the "survey methods" used (controlling for personal biases, leading questions, and sample size), or resigning from the position. A PC committee might be less right-sided, for too much power in the hands of one person...